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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An actuating module for a motor vehicle, ~~consisting~~comprising

- ~~of~~ a housing ~~(12)~~;
- a movably-supported actuation component ~~(14)~~ within a frontal opening of the housing ~~(12)~~, which can be moved manually by means of a front actuation surface serving as a grip element ~~(26)~~ against an opposing force ~~(16)~~ from a rest position into the housing ~~(12)~~, and after activation of at least one operating switch ~~(28)~~ for a corresponding operating function returns to its rest position;

- ~~in which case wherein~~ the actuation component ~~(14)~~ ~~features~~ comprises a slot ~~(18)~~ for insertion of an electronic identification ~~transmitter device~~ (20) and the actuation component ~~(14)~~ can also be moved without the identification ~~transmitter device~~ (20) being inserted,

- ~~characterized in that and wherein~~ the actuation component ~~(14)~~ consists of two part components which fit inside each other, of which one ~~(14)~~ has the slot for the identification ~~transmitter device~~ (20) and is mechanically coupled with the other subcomponent embodied as a switching component ~~(30)~~ such that ~~this the~~ other part component ~~(30)~~ can be moved independently of the one part component ~~(14)~~ by means of the actuation surface serving as a grip element ~~(26)~~.

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2. (Currently Amended) Actuating ~~The actuating~~ module ~~as claimed in according to~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one operating switch ~~(28)~~ can be switched by each of the two subcomponents ~~(14, 30)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The actuating module according to claim 1, wherein ~~Actuating module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that~~ different operating switches ~~(28)~~ can be switched with the two subcomponents ~~(14, 30)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The actuating module according to claim 1, wherein ~~Actuating module as claimed in one of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ the operating switch ~~(28)~~ can be activated by interrogating the identification data for an identification ~~transmitter device~~ device ~~(20)~~ located outside the slot ~~(18)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The actuating module according to claim 1, wherein ~~Actuating module as claimed in one of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ the actuating module features comprises an electronic communication unit ~~(24)~~ for interrogating ~~the~~ identification data elements when an identification ~~transmitter device~~ device ~~(20)~~ is inserted into the slot ~~(18)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The actuating module according to claim 1, wherein ~~Actuating module as claimed in one of the~~

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~~claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ the operating switch ~~(28)~~ is an engine start/stop switch.

7. (NEW) An actuating module for a motor vehicle, comprising

- a housing;
- a movably-supported actuation component within a frontal opening of the housing, which can be moved manually from a first to a second position;
- wherein the actuation component comprises a slot for insertion of an electronic identification device and wherein the actuation component can be moved with or without the identification device being inserted,
- and wherein the actuation component consists of two parts which fit inside each other, of which one part comprises the slot for the identification device and is mechanically coupled with the other subcomponent embodied as a switching component such that the other part can be moved independently of the one part component by means of the actuation surface serving as a grip element.

8. (NEW) The actuating module according to claim 7, wherein the at least one operating switch can be switched by each of the two subcomponents.

9. (NEW) The actuating module according to claim 7, wherein different operating switches can be switched with the two subcomponents.

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10. **(NEW)** The actuating module according to claim 7, wherein the operating switch can be activated by interrogating the identification data for an identification device located outside the slot.

11. **(NEW)** The actuating module according to claim 7, wherein the actuating module comprises an electronic communication unit for interrogating identification data elements when an identification device is inserted into the slot.

12. **(NEW)** The actuating module according to claim 7, wherein the operating switch is an engine start/stop switch.

13. **(NEW)** An actuating module for a motor vehicle, comprising

- a housing;
- a movably-supported actuation component within a frontal opening of the housing, which can be moved manually from a first to a second position;
- wherein the actuation component comprises a slot for insertion of an electronic identification device and wherein the actuation component can be moved with or without the identification device being inserted,
- and wherein the actuation component consists of two parts which fit inside each other, of which one part comprises the slot for the identification device and is mechanically coupled with the other subcomponent embodied as a switching component such that the other part can be moved independently

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of the one part component by means of the actuation surface serving as a grip element, and

- an electronic communication unit for interrogating identification data elements when an identification device is inserted into the slot.

14. (NEW) The actuating module according to claim 13, wherein the at least one operating switch can be switched by each of the two subcomponents.

15. (NEW) The actuating module according to claim 13, wherein different operating switches can be switched with the two subcomponents.

16. (NEW) The actuating module according to claim 13, wherein the operating switch can be activated by interrogating the identification data for an identification device located outside the slot.

17. (NEW) The actuating module according to claim 13, wherein the operating switch is an engine start/stop switch.